

The Women of Schorndorf.

In the southwest portion of Germany is the village of Schorndorf. Although now little more than a mere post station, it was formerly one of the strongest fortified towns of Northern Swabia, and the pride of the beautiful valley of the Rhine.

After the treaty of Westphalia when the Bishoprics of Metz, Tull and Verdun were ceded to France, the idea entered into the heads of the property owners of either of the three Bishoprics, and to demand them from Germany as a portion of the rightful spoils. Failing in this, in 1688 and 1689 by the French armies under the direction of Montcalm and Melac.

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The French commander sat confidentially in his camp at Esslingen, laying plans for his winter quarters in Wurttemberg. The Royal Commissioners had already left Stuttgart to give orders to Schorndorf to fling open its gates to the invading host, and the French gave little heed to this last stronghold of the Wurttemberg Government. It was not until the day of his speedy surrender. But exactly at this point was the invading army to meet the French troops, and the French commander was determined man, and what was still more important, a determined woman.

The man was the commander of the fortifications, Peter Krumpholtz. Although he had received the royal commission to make the city impregnable, he had surrendered the city, he refused to obey.

At length a special messenger appeared from the King, with orders from the French commander had given orders to burn the royal residence and take immediate possession of the city, unless Schorndorf complied with the demands made upon it. But, in spite of all demands and orders, Krumpholtz remained firm. He had the city fortified by drawing in large numbers of patriotic villagers from the surrounding country, and was determined to hold out until the imperial army should be completely routed, and cowardice were so rampant in the highest places that Krumpholtz found his strength growing less and less.

He had summoned a meeting of the Town Hall of all the officials and leading men, to consult upon the possibility of a continued resistance. Frau Kunkel, the wife of the Mayor of the city, was a tall woman of about fifty years, whose word was law with all the women in the city. She was of an upright character, she had made herself universally beloved and respected. Her husband was of the same character, but sacrificed everything to the beloved country. She suspected that the voice of the Father was being secretly followed to the council hall, she hid herself to listen. As she heard the fearful patriotic resolutions, she presented a very strange appearance. Then, with Frau Kunkel at her head, she marched to the town hall, and broke in upon the solemn convulse of her husbands. Frau Kunkel, advancing toward the astonished City Fathers, she said: "I will kill you, with my own hands, if you do not give up the town."

After announcing their intentions, the women procession of the Town Hall, and organizing themselves into companies, held strict guard over the gates of the city. For two days and three nights they held the hands of the women, the City Fathers, "on pain of death," being compelled to remain in the city. Peter Krumpholtz was assisting the women in every way. Every moment was a step toward salvation, for the imperial army was rapidly approaching, and the effect, too, of this patriotic uprising of the women was immense, and the whole country which had been covered down with a net of terror rose with one accord, to save the Fatherland.

The heroine of Schorndorf, Frau Kunkel, lived many years after the uprising, and she was the last person to die, she related the history to grand-children—The Destruction of Forests.

The constant and reckless destruction of our forests is fast bringing us to a condition in which we will be occasion for real alarm. It is not probable that any "scare" like that which a few years ago went through the country, warning the prospective exhaustion of her coal supply, will immediately occur in America touching the loss of our forests, but we wish to call attention to the fact that it is not far off.

The whole of the world is being left by one really great tract of timber. It lies at the far extreme of our country, and consists of about one-half of Washington Territory, and Oregon, and California has, perhaps, 500,000 acres of forest, of which fully one-half has been away with the axe in the last few years. Here in New York we have no considerable forest left except in the Adirondack region. Our wealth of maple, walnut and hickory is substantially gone, and a large part of it has been wantonly destroyed. Wisconsin had a magnificent forest growth, but the people are sweeping it away at a rapid rate. One billion feet of timber were cut in a single year. It will not take long to exhaust this source of wealth to the State. Michigan and Minnesota are following the same course, and are cutting away at their forest as if a tree had no right to lift its head. One of our most intelligent army officers, Gen. Brinley, who knows the country thoroughly, and to whose accurate knowledge of this subject we are indebted for many facts, says that the country that grows a timber as cut annually to supply the Kansas and Nebraska markets alone. The Saginaw forests are even now practically destroyed, and the Northern Pacific Railway is built it will open up to the ax the one remaining belt of American timber, in Oregon and Washington Territory.

The railroads have been the great destroyers of our forests. They use 100,000,000 ties annually, and are consuming at least 150,000 acres of trees. The timber they use, also, is not the refuse of the interior, but among the very best fine young trees that grow in diameter. The Union Pacific Company undertook at first to lay their road with cottonwood ties, drawn from the occasional wooded cañons along the line of the road. The Government Commission appointed to examine the line

reported that it was not completed with in the terms of the law. The use of these soft-wood ties was held by them to be an evasion of contract, and Government contracts for the land, granted under two or three hundred miles of the road have accordingly been refused. The settlers who have bought the land, and the pride of the beautiful valley of the Rhine.

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USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

SPRINKLED chips of dried saffraas will keep away worms from dried fruit. Milkmaids, stop dipping your fingers in the bucket of milk and wetting the cow's teats; of all dirty habits this is the worst.

BUTTER when pure is non-nitrogenous; if it is any portion of which present it becomes nitrogenous and will decompose.

GRASS CALLED BEAR'S OIL.—Melt together over a water bath, soft or lard body, six pounds; oil of almonds three pounds. Mix well, and upon its commencing to thicken, add one ounce of oil of rose, twenty drops; oil of neroli, two drops. Heat well with a wooden spatula until cool.

REGARD to the means or possibility of deciding the sex of eggs, most difference of opinion exists. But M. Genin, in a communication to the French Academy of Sciences on this subject, states that he is now able, having investigated the matter carefully for several years, to state that all eggs containing the germ of males have wrinkles on their smaller ends, while female eggs are smooth at the extremities.

KEYSER EGGS.—Emily Audinwood, Stained Plains, P. O. says: "I have tried several experiments, but find none to answer as well as the following: I have kept eggs for two years and found them perfectly good when used: Two pounds of coarse salt boiled ten minutes in water, the necessary quantity of water being added; pour of this into an earthen jar. When nearly cold stir in five tablespoons of quick-lime; let it stand overnight, when put in the eggs and keep them tightly covered until wanted for use."

SAVORY MUTTON OR VEAL CUTLETS.—Cut up mutton or veal into thin slices, and dip the cutlets in them; season them with pepper, salt, nutmeg and onion, and broil them in buttered crumbs and broil them. For sauce pour some good gravy, a piece of butter, crumbs of bread, capers, anchovies, with a little vinegar. As soon as they are dressed, tear off the papers and set them on the dish with the sauce.

TEMPORARY DAM FOR ICE PONDS. A CORRESPONDENT wishes to make a temporary pond from which he may cut ice in winter, and beat the ice with a few eggs and dip the cutlets in them; season them with pepper, salt, nutmeg and onion, and broil them in buttered crumbs and broil them. For sauce pour some good gravy, a piece of butter, crumbs of bread, capers, anchovies, with a little vinegar. As soon as they are dressed, tear off the papers and set them on the dish with the sauce.

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